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## Is He the Laboring Man's Friend?

"Mr. W. R. Lay says he is endorsed by the laboring people of Knox county."

The above head lines appeared at the head of an article which was published in the McCreary County Advocate in its issue of April 6th, 1917, and which purported to be an account of a "mass meeting" held at Warren, Knox county, in which resolutions were alleged to have been adopted endorsing W. R. Lay for Circuit Judge. W. R. Lay did not dare have such a distorted and false report published in Knox county but went as far away from Knox county as possible to have it done.

The people of McCreary county and the 34th Judicial district should know the facts about this alleged "mass meeting" and alleged endorsement by the laboring men of Knox county. Here are the facts in the case. W. R. Lay self styled candidate "upon merit, manhood and legal qualification" slipped out of Barbourville when two or three of his opponents were in town and went up to Warren, and with the help of one of the managers of the Coal Companies got less than a dozen voters together and addressed them, telling falsely that his opponents had notice of the meeting. When he had finished his address, Mr. W. R. Marsee a large mine operator, introduced some resolutions which he and one other man endorsed. The laboring men of Warren and Knox county had absolutely nothing to do with the bogus "mass meeting" and the Marsee resolutions. Mr. Lay does not have the endorsement of the laboring men of Knox county, on the other hand it is known that he is favored by certain interests of Knox county who would hope to use him to further their interest should he be elected Circuit Judge.

Instead of being a candidate "upon merit, manhood and legal qualification" as he claims to be his conduct in this matter shows him to be a candidate upon false pretenses, deception and misrepresentation. Let no laboring man in the 34th Judicial district be deceived by this little scheme of W. R. Lay and his coal operator friend Mr. W. R. Marsee, who himself is a coal operator, and is the law agent for the Cumberland R. R. Company, and the Carter Coal Co., and every time a working man is hurt by either one of these companies, and brings suit he is on the job in Court and out of Court doing all he can for these Corporations and against the working man. No man in Knox county is more

partial to the Corporations than W. R. Marsee, and no man is more unfriendly to the cause of the laboring man than he is. Mr. miner and other laboring men, you inquire for your selves about Mr. Marsee and you will find out that he is no working man's friend. And further I wish to say that I believe the people who know me know that I have always been a friend to the laboring man, and that I will continue to be their friend, and I believe the people are overwhelmingly for me.

Yours truly,  
J. FRED CATRON.  
(Political Advertisement)

## High School News.

This is the beginning of the last six weeks of school. Every parent should see that their boys and girls attend every day, as this term is most important from the fact that the various subjects are being completed and unless they pass successfully, the whole year's work in that subject is lost.

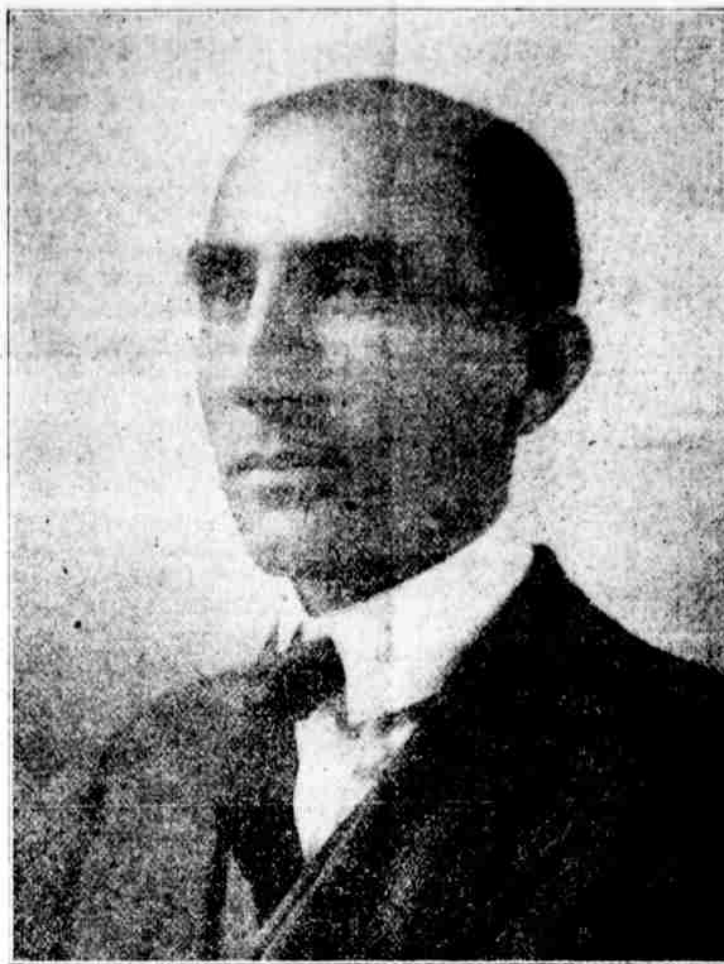
The attendance punctuality banner was awarded to Prof. Faulkner's room, the 7th and 8th grades, as they had the highest general average. Notice how the primary grade is coming to the top of the list. Miss Pelley's and Miss Barton's room tied for third place. The High School department had better be careful or they never will see the banner again in their rooms. The general average for the entire school is the best ever reached, over 96 per cent. Below are general averages of the various rooms as they rank this week:

Prof. Faulkner	- -	98.67
Miss Prater	- -	98.20
Miss Pelly	- -	98.60
Miss Barton	- -	98.60
Miss Parker	- -	95.75
Prof. Oldfield	- -	93.00
Prof. Mills	- -	92.98

Last Friday at the box supper the sum of \$34.00 was taken in, which will be used to purchase some much needed song books for the chapel. This amount will not purchase over 125 books, and we really need at least twice that many for 400 students to use. We wish to thank Sheriff Lewis, who so kindly and profitably auctioned the boxes off.

The paper campaign is still on and we want to remind you to save your paper for us. If you will let us know, it will be removed promptly. If, by mistake the boys happen to miss your paper, kindly phone Prof. Oldfield, and it will be attended to at once.

The proceeds from the Japanese Opera, "The Mikado," which we presented last December, were used to order window blinds for the fourteen windows in the chapel. The blinds, which had to be made to order, as they are special size, have arrived and will add much to the attractiveness of the chapel.



The above picture is that of Hon. J. Fred Catron, candidate for Judge of the 34th Judicial District, and whose friends claim will be elected by a handsome majority. Mr. Catron is making a vigorous campaign. He is an untiring worker and popular with the great masses of people.

## Citizens in Mass Meeting Indorse Acts of President Wilson and National Congress.

### Resolutions.

We, the citizens of Barbourville and Knox County, Ky., in Mass Convention assembled hereby indorse the action of President Woodrow Wilson and the National Congress of United States in declaring a state of War exists as a result of the murderous attacks of the Imperial German Government upon the unarmed commerce of the United States and the declaration of the intention to enforce the recognition of the rights of the American citizens upon the high seas, and we commend the President for the strength and devotion manifested in his recent message to Congress on the war situation.

Be it further resolved, that we now and hereby denounce as cowardly and un-American the speeches of Senator LaFollette and Representative Kitchin, recently delivered in Congress, and we likewise condemn the action of the twelve Senators who, by their votes acknowledge a preference for the Imperial German Government over that which gives them shelter and protection.

While we regret exceedingly the unfortunate situation brought about by the merciless Submarine Warfare now being prosecuted by the German Government, yet, as American citizens we feel it our duty to assure the President and the National Congress that this community is in full accord with the action taken by our officials and we will support the policies enunciated not only with speech but with deeds worthy of the situation.

J. D. Tuggle,  
H. M. Oldfield,  
John M. Tinsley,  
Committee.

### Want New Depot.

The citizens of Barbourville and surrounding community, in mass convention assembled, having under consideration the lack of adequate, and modern passenger depot on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at this point; RESOLVED, that this community call the attention of the L. &

N. R. R. officials to the inadequate, unsightly and unsanitary condition of the passenger depot at Barbourville, Kentucky, and lay before the said officials the facts which show the needs of the town and community and urge the erection of a passenger depot commensurate with the new and improved condition of our city and community, and ask that a reasonably adequate depot for the accommodation of the people who patronize said railroad be provided.

We regard the present passenger depot as entirely inadequate and very unsightly. In its present condition it is a bad advertisement for the community as well as the railroad. Hundreds of strangers are now coming into our community, and the depot gives the first impression. The impression cannot be good. We are possessed with the idea that a new modern depot of reasonable size and convenient arrangement would greatly benefit not only the City and community, but the railroad company as well.

Therefore we respectfully recommend that a new passenger depot be erected at some convenient point in this city.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Supt. O. B. Hollingsworth, Middlesboro, Ky., and other officials of the L. & N. R. R. Co. and that a copy thereof be furnished the Mountain Advocate for publication.

J. D. Tuggle,  
H. M. Oldfield,  
J. M. Tinsley,  
Mrs. A. W. Hopper,  
Mrs. J. R. Tuggle,  
Committee.

### Indorse Civic League.

Be it Resolved by this body. That we as citizens of Barbourville and Knox county heartily indorse and approve the efforts and good results accomplished by the Civic League of this city in the many improvements which it has brought about in our city, and which it is now advocating, and we especially indorse the action which the Civic League has taken to secure a new passenger depot in this city.

J. D. Tuggle,  
M. G. Dizney,  
S. L. Lewis,  
Committee.

## Lay Will Not Carry Knox County, Says J. F. Catron

My friend, Mr. W. R. Lay, who is my opponent for Judge of this District and who lives in my county, has had considerable to say in the press about his strength in Knox County. I have not had much opportunity yet to learn the political conditions in Whitley and McCreary Counties, but I am satisfied from all reports and from my opportunity to learn of the conditions in said counties that I will get more votes in those counties than Mr. Lay. I do know about conditions in Knox County. Mr. Lay in the Advocate in articles written by himself, says his friends claim that he will carry Knox over me by four to one.

Now, no one in Knox County says or claims any such thing. Mr. Lay knows better than that, or if he does not, he has a great surprise in store. I have hundreds of letters from leading men covering every precinct in Knox County. They say frankly Mr. Lay is not in it in this County. I am having some of these letters published in this issue of the Mountain Advocate and want all the voters of this District to read them. Space and expense will not permit me to have but a few of them published. These letters are from ministers, farmers, merchants, laborers and professional men of all classes.

My friends can rest assured that I will carry Knox County by a big majority over all the other candidates.

You do not have far to seek to find the reason for this. I think the people who know both of us will tell you that I have had as much legal training in law schools and as much experience in the practice of law as Mr. Lay or any of the other candidates. The republicans of this County gave Mr. Lay a good office for eight years and at the end of his term he turned against the party and did what he could to destroy it, and tried to elect a democrat to succeed himself over the Republican nominee.

The republicans of Knox County know Mr. Lay's ingratitude to the party and they are not for him now. They know I have always been true and loyal to the party and to the people of Knox County. Mr. Lay says he has been indorsed by the Knox County bar. He has a few indorsements of members of the bar, but nearly all of them are democrats. The democratic politicians have not forgotten Mr. Lay's good services to them a few years ago. The republicans of the Knox County bar have not indorsed Mr. Lay.

When Judge Sampson was a

candidate for Appellate Judge in the primary last year Mr. Lay gave his support and assistance to a man living in another county, and in the Tenth Congressional District. He cannot appeal to the people of Knox County this year; he was not loyal to a Knox County man last year. Mr. Lay, of course, has a right to be a candidate, but he has no right to say that I am without following in Knox County when he knows he is wilfully misrepresenting facts. He knows, if he knows anything about the political situation in Knox County, that they are overwhelmingly for me.

I have now served the people of Knox County as their County Attorney for nearly four years and I know the situation here and I know the people of this County are for me by a big majority. Mr. Lay must know that he is not in it in Knox County, and, furthermore, I am in this race to win and want my friends to know that I will use every honorable effort to win this nomination and will fight until the polls are closed on August 4th. I believe I can win and if you honor me with this office I promise to give it my best thought and services, doing justice to all men, rich and poor, high or low, white or black.

I have always been a republican and have always been true and loyal to its principles. I shall greatly appreciate your vote and influence. Sincerely yours,  
J. FRED CATRON.

The letters referred to above will be found on the last page.  
(Political Advertisement)

## Club Notes

The Tuesday Club met April 10th, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Faulkner. The leader, Mrs. Hugh M. Oldfield, assisted by Miss Black and Mrs. Grace R. Franklin, had arranged the following program:

Empire on the Pacific, Mrs. Flen D. Sampson.  
Old California Missions, Mrs. Geo. W. Tye.  
Expansion of the United States, Mrs. Walter S. Hudson.  
America's Colonial Policy, Mrs. Jas. S. Miller.  
Force of Public Opinion, Mrs. Hiram H. Owens.  
U. S. Supreme Court, Mrs. Sawyer A. Smith.  
Immigration, Mrs. R. Bassett Minton.  
Dangers of Immigration, Mrs. Hugh M. Oldfield.

After the conclusion of the program, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The club's colors, pink and green, formed the color scheme which was cleverly used in the refreshments and decorations.

J. M. ROBSION, President.  
F. R. BARNER, V. Pres.  
ROBT. W. COLE, Cashier.

## The First National Grows

The deposits of this bank were, on

1911, April 3	:	:	\$109,685.18
1914, April 3	:	:	235,439.53
1917, April 3	:	:	400,258.85

Our assets in the way of money, bonds, good notes, land, &c., were on

1911, April 3	:	:	\$167,209.56
1917, April 3	:	:	487,254.59

WE GROW BECAUSE WE HELP OUR CUSTOMERS

We invite you to open an account with us.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

BARBOURVILLE : : : KENTUCKY

W. R. LAY, Acting Pres.  
J. S. MILLER, V. Pres.  
J. R. JONES, Cashier

## The National Bank of John A. Black "A ROLL OF HONOR BANK"

Capital and Surplus Fund More Than \$65,000.00  
Assets Consisting of Cash, Notes, Real Estate, &c.

April 7, 1916	- - -	\$391,510.11
April 7, 1917	- - -	471,790.05

NET GAIN in ASSETS FOR YEAR \$80,279.94

If you are interested in farming, call at our bank and get some bulletins written by experts on "Home Gardening", "Diversified Farming", "Apple Culture" and "Grasses".

We plan to furnish the farmers with one bulletin each month on timely farm topics during this year. Don't fail to get your copy.